

# CRA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 17.30

Venue/ Platform: Zoom Pro

Attending: JJL (Chair), NP, RW, LC (Sec), CS, BC, A S-R, JML, RD

Apologies: EM

ITEM	ACTION
<p><b>1. Welcome back</b> to Rachel Demuth</p> <p><b>2. Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>2.1 November meeting minutes accepted; to be posted on the website</p> <p>2.2 Actions from last meeting covered in items below</p>	
<p><b>3. Chair's Report &amp; Brief Points of News:</b></p> <p>3.1 JJL reported that Cleveland Bridge would remain operating on a one-way-at-a-time basis until at least May 22, which would continue to affect Camden Road</p> <p>3.2 JJL summarised the Council's 64-page report Journey to Net Zero, [see JJL email of 24/01/22 for his initial findings, <a href="#">LINK</a>]. Concern that the premise of the report is faulty (simply to rely on fossil fuel reduction) and specifically that the Top of the Town Plan that could close George Street and push traffic our way. JJL reminded the committee to complete the survey by 9/02/22 - see login info on CRA blog post 14/01/22</p> <p>3.3 Successor as Chair of CRA; due to other interests and commitments, as has been raised previously, JJL would like to hand over gradually to a successor as from May 21 on an acting interim Chair basis, to be formally confirmed at the next AGM. So far JML has expressed interest (LC had previously been interested but is now happy to support JML); if anyone else wishes to be considered please email Jeremy by 31/01/22. There will be a vote at the next meeting</p> <p>3.4 Note: Next meeting (28/02) will be on Google Meet, not Zoom</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b>4. Christmas Activities</b></p> <p>4.1 Camden Busk-Sat 11/12/21 was a great success with The Bath Guitar School from Belgrave Crescent run by Richard Perkins; the Busk took place on the Crescent with 100 attendees, excellent mulled wine and seasonal snacks (numerous) , intergenerational. £344.96 was raised for Camden Meadow</p> <p>4.2 Carol Singing 16/12/21 was also a success and worked well singing for pre-booked houses, ending up at the Claremont pub. LC thanked JJL, RW, Anna Mumford, Tracey Chalkley, Jules Lobb, Julie Platt and Richard Coates for their enthusiastic and generally tuneful renditions of Christmas favourites, which raised £152.06 for Julian House Bath</p> <p>4.3 Camden Meadow lights cheered us up and it was sad when they were turned off on 06/01/21. JML now has the kit for next year. Thanks in particular to NP for his lighting expertise, Graham &amp; Caroline Groom and Saana Kärnä, and JML for organising it all</p>	
<p><b>5. Camden Meadow</b></p> <p>5.1 JML updated the committee that the bulk of the tree coppicing is complete for now and that they would concentrate on making a safe path and steps from the bottom gate to the meadow (for volunteer work, not public access). FoCM now has 31 members; next workdays are 29/01/22 and 05/02/22. They received a grant of £400 from our 2 councillors and are now allowed to use a chipper so will start chipping as well as dead hedging. They have planted 3 native fruit trees: 1 Crab Apple, Apple and 2 Pear. 2 beehives will be installed next month, one empty and one with a hive from Bath City Farm. They will be looked after by a beekeeper who lives at Belvedere</p> <p>5.2 See <a href="https://www.camdenmeadow.org/contact-join">https://www.camdenmeadow.org/contact-join</a> for details/ to join</p>	

<p><b>6. Jubilee Street Party Sub-Group</b></p> <p>6.1 JML &amp; LC updated the committee. The date is 05/06/22 for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Lunch Party. The CRA has made an application to close the road at two ends with the idea that activities would run through the day and early evening from Camden Crescent along to the Claremont, with other groups ideally organising events in between and in other areas. The ‘core leadership team’, led by JML, will devise an overall plan and can potentially help other groups, eg with road closures and PPL insurance. Anyone wishing to be actively involved, please contact JML or LC</p> <p>6.2 LC, Carrie Stockton &amp; JML met with the Claremont Pub landlord, Daniel Matica, to discuss his ideas and plans and how the two end locations can combine resources; tbc</p> <p>6.3 BC can help promote the Camden Jubilee Day events on Radio Bath</p>	<p>JML, LC</p> <p>BC</p>
<p><b>7. Snow Patrol</b></p> <p>CS updated the committee that the spreader has stopped working and that Steve Kamlish will ask the council to mend it or replace it</p>	
<p><b>8. CRA Committee Socialising</b></p> <p>8.1 BC updated the committee that he had visited the Curfew that has a big upstairs room that we could have for free in exchange for bar sales. It was raised however that we should give preference to the Claremont as it’s in our area and he will be essential to our Jubilee plans</p> <p>8.2 BC to plan a date for a committee social</p>	<p>BC</p>
<p><b>9. Liveable Neighbourhood Sub Group Update</b></p> <p>9.1 JML explained what is meant by “Public Realm” – ie “everything between the houses” such as pavements, roads, road furniture. Improving our Public Realm for everyone in our area is a future goal</p> <p>9.2 Cleveland Bridge v slow to cross from South side. BC said the reason for changing the date of the Bath Half (Marathon) to end of May was because of the bridge still being only one way</p> <p>9.3 NP explained that the slowness of fitting electric charge points on street lights is in part due to Bath’s poor electrical infrastructure</p>	
<p><b>10. Camden Update</b></p> <p>10.1 Camden Tidy Up - CS reported that Ella Scott (9 UCP) has started clearing leaves from the drains of St Stephen’s Road above the hairpin as part of her D of E award. Thanks Ella!</p> <p>10.2 Camden Cares – If anyone in our area needs help, let them know to get in touch with LC; also newcomers, please advise her so that we can welcome them to Camden</p> <p>10.3 St Stephen’s Road Trees - CS says the council has agreed that the 4 fir trees can be cut down; Jonathon Lobb is looking into who will do it and who will pay; tbc</p>	<p>CS/JMLb</p>
<p><b>11. Accounts</b></p> <p>NP gave a report of the accounts - healthy Net Receipts of £422.43</p>	
<p><b>12. AOB</b></p> <p>RW reported that the road markings at the bottom of St Stephen’s Road need repainting as they are no longer very visible. He will report it on <i>Fix my Street</i> [Post meeting update: FMS response that this will be included in future works planned in the area]</p>	<p>RW</p>
<p><b>13. Dates of Next Meetings</b></p> <p>13.1 Next meeting: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 5.30- 6.30 pm, platform Google Meet, then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28/3, 25/4, 23/5</li> <li>• 27/6, 25/7, 22/8</li> <li>• 26/9, 24/10, 28/11</li> </ul> <p>13.2 2022 AGM - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, venue tbc</p>	

**14. Post Meeting Update - FoBRA meeting**

JML attended the last FoBRA meeting on 13/01. Main discussion point – whether FoBRA should leave the Bath Alliance for Transport and Public Realm, for which JML gauged the general consensus as yes. A further meeting is planned to take this decision further. Contact JLL for further information